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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR  
MEMORY WITH NARROW VARIATION IN THRESHOLD VOLTAGES OF  
MEMORY CELLS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows: